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The amendment filed on 03/05/02 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the initially claimed invention was drawn to a vinyl acetate-based polymer emulsion. The newly amended claims are drawn to a vinyl acetate polymer formed by an emulsion polymerization technique(emulsion polymer). The two are distinct in that the originally presented invention was drawn to a vinyl acetate polymer latex(if you will), i.e., a vinyl acetate polymer in an emulsion system. The newly amended claims are drawn to the isolated vinyl acetate polymer having been produced via an emulsion polymerization technique.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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